

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Wasatch-Cache National Forest**

### **Federal Building**

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#### **Salt Lake City, Utah 84138**

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### **COAL MINE FIRE UPDATE**

Start:	June 12, 2006	Crews:	2 Type II Crew
Cause:	Lightning		2 Type I Hotshot Crews
Location:	Mountain View Ranger District		Initial Attack Squad of 6
	1 ¼ miles north on the west side	Engines	1 Bureau of Land Management
	of Hoop Lake		1 State of Utah
Acres:	100 acres		2 Forest Service
Percent Contained:	65%	Aircraft	1 Type 3 helicopter

Crews made good progress constructing fireline yesterday. Cooler temperatures and lower humidity's helped with their suppression efforts. Actions were focused on the west and southwest flanks. Water drops from the helicopter supported firefighters helping controlling flare ups and short runs made by the fire. The fire continues to smolder in thick heavy timber and down woody debris.

Today Crews will continue to construct fire line on the north and east flanks. Cooler temperatures and higher humidity's will slow the fires spread. The fire is expected to be contained today, June 15, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. Crews will start mop-up today, and the process will continue for the next three days. The fire will continue to be monitored daily for the next few weeks and smoke may be seen due to fuels continuing to burn within the interior of the firelines.

Recreationists heading to Hoop Lake this weekend will need to be extra cautious on the roads leading into Hoop Lake due to fire traffic.

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The Evanston/Mountain View Ranger Districts would like to express their thanks to the volunteer fire departments of Mt. View, Ft. Bridger and Lyman for their efforts in assisting to suppress the fire. They also express their thanks to Barney Brisko and the Uinta County Road Department, for their support on the incident. They would like to thank Dana Stone, of the Wyoming State Foresters Department for his logistical support during the incident.

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